

HON. ALLYSON K. DUNCAN (RET.)

Hon. Allyson K. Duncan was appointed to the Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals by President George W. Bush and confirmed by unanimous Senate Vote, making her the first African American woman to serve on that court—a distinction also true of her appointment to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. She served on the 4th Circuit from 2003 to 2019. During that time Judge Duncan served on Circuit and Judicial Conference Committees, and was particularly active in the international arena. She was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to chair the International Judicial Relations Committee, responsible for responding to requests for judicial assistance worldwide. She presently serves as Vice President and Regional President of the International Association of Judges, an organization that includes representatives from ninety countries, dedicated to supporting and educating the judiciary. She has spoken all over the world on issues such as improving judicial administration, handling complex cases involving national security, global intellectual property rights, and addressing private and governmental corruption. She was elected President of the Federal Judges Association, the organization representing over a thousand Article III judges, and served on its governing board for many years.